

**Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee
Minutes of June 22, 2009**

Voting Members Present:

Christina Teeuwen – Chair
Connie Smith
Steve Guiliani
Beth Reitz
Debbie Hanson

Staff Present:

Mark Shea, Planning
Lennie Luke, Parks and Recreation
Gary Walton, Public Works

Others Present:

Council Member Ritter

The Special Meeting to discuss the Committee's mission statement and begin development of the updated Trails Plan. The Virginia Beach Bikeways and Trails Advisory Committee goals and objectives were distributed as a starting point for the development of such a document for Chesapeake. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Smith volunteered to draft a statement for the Committee's review and possible approval at the next meeting. Discussion then focused on potential layers for the trails plan. These could include:

Greenway/Multi-Use path
On road bicycle
Equestrian
Water Trail

Mr. Luke indicated that Parks and Recreation just completed a new Water Trail guide. The Commission asked if they could be updated at the next meeting and that it may not be necessary to work more on this layer. Mr. Shea asked if the members would like to volunteer on sub-committees that could meet between meetings. The Commission members present did not feel like that would be a good idea and wanted the full group to be involved in the development of each layer. The Committee also felt that the Equestrian facilities could be a sub category of the Greenway/Multi-use path category.

Mr. Shea showed the Commission members some base maps generated from the City's GIS system. Existing trails, public lands, conservation areas, schools, parks and other

features are displayed on these maps. Mr. Shea also indicated that a staff committee titled “The Sustainable Chesapeake Initiative Committee” was promoting a greenway type trail connecting the Great Bridge Battlefield site with the Chesapeake Arboretum and City Park. The Committee discussed a variety of other possible trails. It was decided that ideas for new trails be researched and brought to the next meeting. The Committee asked Mr. Shea to post the base maps on the computer for use. Mr. Shea will forward the FTP site and instruction to the Committee on how to access the maps. Ms. Ritter suggested that the Committee focus on how to branch off from the existing trails. The Committee decided that it would be best to meet on a monthly basis during the Trails Plan update. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2009. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.